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1. NAUMBURG (J89), 14.18 November 1949

a. Summary: NAUSEBURG personnel are almost all quite young, 17-18 years old. Older men allegedly have been sent on leave, groups of 30-40 passing through the JENA-WEST transient station. It is not known whether or not these men actually are on leave or are being redeployed to the USSR. There are no armored troops in town. Installations are at 75 percent of capacity.

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b. Flanders Kaserne: Little vehicle traffic at this barracks, whose various buildings contain a total of 3,600-3,800 men. Of these, about 2,400 wear red shoulder straps (with Guards insignia on some older men), 900 with black straps/red piping (half with artillery insignia), and 300 with black straps.

c. Two 57 mm AT 41 guns were parked in the yard, also 50 trucks [redacted] [redacted] although they were not new. Behind the sheds were 13 pontoons and 6 uncovered amphibious vehicles. Most sheds appeared to contain additional trucks. Parked vehicles: [redacted]

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d. [] the Flanders Kaserne may be held by motorized rifle, engineer, and AT units. No armored vehicles were in evidence.

e. Artillerie Kaserne: About 1,500 young troops without branch insignia, of whom about 1,000 wear black shoulder straps/red piping and 500 wear black straps. There was little vehicle traffic. [REDACTED]

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f. Hindenburg Kaserne: Approximately 1,200 young troops: 900 with red shoulder straps, 300 with black straps/red piping. Some motorized riflemen also appear to occupy a part of this barracks. Both this and the Artillerie Kaserne appear to be controlled by the same command, judging from vehicle and pedestrian traffic between them.

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25X1B g. Barbara Kaserne: About 400 men with black shoulder straps occupy the barracks, with an additional 400 young troops in the former ordnance office. Garages seemed to be empty. Traffic consisted of one truck, [] which arrived from, and later departed for, JENA with a load of crates.

2. ZEITZ (K08), 21-23 November 1949

25X1 a. Nachrichten Kaserne: Approximate strength, 1,000 men. Trucks [] hauled troops and shovels to the training grounds, 25X1 where trench construction was practiced. One T-34/85 tank, [], was parked by a shed. Two garages were closed; the third, formerly a tank shed, is now a truck shelter. Parked passenger cars: [] 25X1

25X1 b. Infanterie Kaserne: About 1,000 young troops without branch insignia, some of whom were observed training in the yard with four 76.2 mm AT 42 guns. Eleven T-34/85 tanks [] 25X1 were parked in the yard, also truck [] and passenger car [] 25X1 ZEITZ billets are 70-80 percent occupied. 25X1

3. WEIMAR (J07)

25X1 As previously reported *, personnel of a unit in the Flak Kaserne, with vehicles [] wear green shoulder straps. It is to be noted that this is not the green of the MVD, but a grayish green worn with red piping. These troops are recent arrivals in Thuringia. **

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[] Comments

25X1 * [] Paragraph 7-d.

25X1 ** [] also has remarked on this new shade of green in a report from SCHERIN dated 23 November 1949. He observed 30 men wearing such shoulder straps with black piping. He specifically states, "This is not the green of the MVD or Medical Corps."

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